1921, the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District convened at Malur a public meeting the local people and certain Government officers including the Executive Engi the Maramat Engineer and the Sub-Division Officer, with a view to ascertain pu opinion regarding the reservation of the Doddakere water for the use of the to The general opinion of the meeting was in favour of conserving the water for the of the townspeople as there was no other means of receiving an adequate supply. was felt that although the tank is on a lower level than the town, the reservation of water in the tank would assure a supply of water in the wells in the town. Eigh five of the people that had assembled were in favour of the proposal and 22 agai The Deputy Commissioner reported that as an experimental measure, the tank wa might be allowed to be reserved for three consecutive years and that this would cos remission of half the wet assessment on the atchkat *i.e.*, Rs. 945 at Rs. 315-0-0 year.

2. When the Dewan visited the town on the 9th February 1924, the matter w again pressed by the townspeople. If the proposal is accepted as a permane arrangement, compensation amounting to nearly Rs. 10,000 will have to be paid to holders of the lands below the tank and there will further be an annual loss of nea Rs. 400 to Government by conversion of the wet lands into dry. Although there is difference between the levels of the town and the tank, Government, in view of t great difficulty that is experienced every summer for water in this town, consider th the effect of the reservation of the tank water should be ascertained by actual expe ment. It is reported that the majority of the raiyats under the tank have no objecti to the proposed measure. Government direct that the water of the Doddakere Malur be reserved for a period of three years for the supply of water to the Ma Town as an experimental measure subject to the conditions that the holders of lands under the tank agree to the following terms :—

(1) That they pay dry assessment on the lands for three years.

(2) That if the experiment shows that the conservation of the water in the ta does not improve the water supply to the town, they will reconvert the lands to wet before, without claiming any compensation. Mutchalikas must be taken from raiyats concerned to the above effect.

3. In order to determine the relationship between the level of water in the ta and in the wells in the town a record of such levels should be kept. The Ch Engineer is requested to take necessary action in the matter.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Amendment of rules to minimise the delay in the payment of claims of Insurance Policy.

Read—

Letter No. 8932, dated 23rd February 1924 from the Secretary, Mysore S Life Insurance Committee forwarding for sanction the following extract of Resolu II, passed at the meeting of the Committee on 5th May 1923.

"That in order to further minimise the delay in the payment of claims ari on the maturity of policies either by the death of the insured or on his attaining fifty-fifth year, notice of amounts due to Government for deduction from sum ass should be furnished to the Insurance Office, in death cases, within one month f the date of death and in 55 years cases two months prior to the insured attai his fifty-fifth year, by the head of the office in the case of non-gazetted officers the head of the department and the Comptroller in the case of gazetted officers

ORDER NO. FL. 5433-5—G. F. 29-23-14, DATED 1ST APRIL 1924.

Sanctioned. Rule 23 of the official Branch Insurance Rules as amended by the Resolution will stand as shown below:—

Rule 23. "Subject always to its surrender, the bonus assured by a policy which has matured on the insured attaining 55 years or Surrender Value as provided for in Rule 10, will be paid to the insured. If the insured is dead, the bonus will be paid to the person or persons, whom the insued had nominated during his life time and registered in the Insurance Office. If no such nomination had been made and the bonus payable exceeds two thosand rupees, it will be paid to the person or persons, declared by a competent Court of Law in the Mysore State to be entitled to receive it, but if the bonus does not exceed two thosand Rupees and no notice from any Civil Court to withhold payment has been received, it will be paid to the person or persons, whom the President of the Insurance Committee after reasonable enquiry, finds to be entitled to receive it".

"Payment under this Rule shall be subject to deduction of any amount that may be due to Government by the insured. Notice of amounts due to Goverment for deduction from sum assured should be furnished to the Insurance Office (1) in death cases, within one month from the date of death, and (2) in fifty-five years cases two months prior to the insured attaining his fifty-fifth year, by the head of the office in the case of non-gazetted officers, and the head of the Department and the Comptroller in the case of Gazetted Officers. If, for any reason, such notices are not received from the head of the office, the head of the Department, or the Comptroller, the Insurance Secretary will address the officer concerned, and if dues to Government or the outside limit of such dues are not reported to the Insurance Office within three months from the date of issue of requisition for Government dues by the Insurance Office, the defaulting officer will be personally liable for such dues becoming irrecoverable."

M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secretary to Government.